

This is the process to work in India as a physician -->

1) First you have to apply and get the OCI (Overseas Citizen of India):

<https://passport.gov.in/oci>

Only people with full India citizenship or OCI can work as physicians in India.

The OCI processing time is 12-16 weeks.

2) Then get all your diplomas/degrees/transcripts/licenses etc notarized/apostilled/attested by a notary, ministry of foreign affairs and India embassy respectively.

Then Go to India!

3) Go to the AIU (Association of Indian Universities) to get 'equivalency certificates' for all your diplomas/degrees.

Details here: <http://www.aiuweb.org/Evaluation/evaluation.asp>

4) Take the FMGE exam.

All physicians who did their medical school outside of India have to take this exam.

If you started medical school after 2002, you also have to get an 'eligibility certificate from the Medical Council of India: <http://www.mciindia.org>

(I started medical school in 1999, so I did not need to get this eligibility certificate).

Then apply to take this exam here: <http://www.natboard.edu.in>

If you did BOTH your medical school and residency (post-graduate) training in the U.S., Canada, UK, Australia or New Zealand, then you don't have to take this FMGE exam. Details here: <http://www.fmge.nbe.gov.in/eligibility.php>

(I did my residency training in the U.S. but because I had done my medical school in the Caribbean, I had to take this exam.)

5) Obtain and complete a one year internship known as 'Compulsory

Rotatory Residential Internship (CRRRI)' at one of the hospitals here:

http://www.mciindia.org/tools/internship_hospitals.pdf

Apply to the Directorate of Medical Education (DME) of that particular State and obtain consent: <http://dme.ap.nic.in/>

After this, the allotment to the chosen hospital will be done by the Apex Medical institution regulating the medical practice in that particular State.

For example in Andhra Pradesh State, it is NTR University of Health Sciences which makes the allotment, upon receiving directions/ consent from DME.

Then the Superintendent of the respective hospital will state whether vacancy exists, and he/she is the deciding authority to induct the student for Internship at their hospital.

** Note: there is a rule that the Medical Council of India announced that recognizes residency (post-graduate) training done in five countries (USA, Canada, UK, Australia, New Zealand):

<http://mciindia.org/tools/announcement/Recognition%20out%20side%20India.pdf>

So if you have done at least one year of post-graduate (residency) training in one of those five countries, you do not have to do this one year internship in India.

6) Apply for a license in the state you wish to practice.

For example: Telangana State medical Council
<http://tsmconline.in>

Then, you can work anywhere in your state and even start your own clinic.